

Dear Commissioners
and Staff:

I am greatly concerned with the increasing domination of the public airwaves by large private corporations which promote biased, political agenda at the direct cost to both the American taxpayers and to the American tradition of democracy. Indeed, I am truly frightened by Fox network's distorted and partisan spin in reporting the news.

And now, Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a dishonest, political attack on a candidate for President within days of the election is a truly Orwellian threat to our national electoral system. Not only are the minimum standards of ethical journalism violated in this case, but the very notion of the public airwaves as a "competitive marketplace of ideas" is turned on its head. The public airwaves have clearly become controlled by an oligopolistic cabal of dishonest media moguls.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get programming that promotes profit over

the public interest,
and partisan
politics over
honest political
discourse.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.